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Who determines if a home or property is or is not neat enough?

People's definitions of neat can vary drastically. We find that most people with the means usually keep their property in good condition, the grass is mowed and outside repairs are up to date.

We see quite often that when a home is in disrepair and not neat, the property owners have an illness or are having financial difficulties that prevent them from being able to make necessary repairs, paint, repair gutters, or just keep all the grass mowed.

We have also seen that a lot of the properties that need cleaning up are rental properties, and the owners don't live here so they don't realize their renters are destroying their property and causing an eyesore.

We are constantly looking for possibilities to work with people.

Q. How do you determine whose property rights are more important? The person with the junk and trash, or the person who wants it cleaned up?

A. That is obviously a very tough call. Common sense will usually solve the problem.

Not necessarily to everyone's liking, but usually provides a reasonable solution without passing ordinances impacting everything we do and causing a severe interference of government trying to control your lives.

Q. How big a problem

are junk vehicles in the county?

A. It is one of the smaller issues in the county, much less so than general junk and garbage.

Q. What is wrong with having junk vehicles in your yard?

A. It depends on if you are the owner of the junk vehicles or if you are the person who does not like looking at the junk vehicles. Those with the junk vehicles see them as a value asset and not as junk, so if it is wrong or not, is a matter of personal opinion. Having junk vehicles is not always a problem, especially if you live on a low traffic road where the junk vehicles are not visible to many people.

It is also not a problem if you had the junk vehicles prior to the Junk Yard Ordinance being adopted, however, if they are recently junked, then it can violate the ordinance.

I do not want the past weeks questions on junk and trash to sound like we are not interested.

No one is more interested about our county looking in the best condition possible.

However, we always have to weigh the rights of our citizens so that government does not always just pass a bunch of laws and ordinances that people cannot and will not obey, nor do we have the staff to enforce them all.

That is why we have instead, chosen to work with the people when we can and most times we eventually solve the problem.

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to seniors but also are major employers in rural communities. Without Medicaid reimbursements to cover the costs of care, closures and accompanying job losses would become yet another casualty of Medicaid cuts.

While the reliance upon

Medicaid reimbursements to keep the doors of nursing homes open is not ideal, it is a reality for rural communities.

Before Congress makes sweeping changes to Medicaid, senators and representatives need to step back and acknowledge the broader costs that will be paid just outside of the city limits.

Jordan Rasmussen

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Uncle Mack was hollering, "get the dogs."

Sam was howling because the coon was still biting his ear. Lou finally had a good hold on the coon and she was trying to pull it off Sam's back while it was still biting his ear.

In the meantime Rufus

and my dad were laying on the creek bank laughing so hard they were crying.

Uncle Mack finally found his teeth and made his way up the bank of the creek.

He looked at my daddy and said, "You're dogs are pretty good dogs, but, you ain't much help."

Allison...

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ment.

I would like to thank all the people who have been a part of the EMA meetings.

The task set before you was a challenging one, to make sure there is a plan in place to keep people safe, help with traffic flow and numerous other items on a massive checklist to ensure the day is one that people will remember as a wonderful event in an amazing community in North Georgia that they will never forget.

I often tell people that our community is very special, not only because of the beauty, but more so because of the heart of the community.

As I was sitting down to write this article, I wanted to be sure that in the midst of this huge, awesome event we will experience on Aug. 21st, to remind everyone to thank those behind the scenes: the Union County Sheriff's Office, the City of Blairsville Police Department, the Union County Fire Department, the Union County Road Department, EMTs and so many others.

It was a total effort by those who are working to ensure that people are safe and will walk away remembering our community with admiration and remember fondly the Eclipse Event they spent with all of us in Union County.

I would also like to take this time to thank all of those who are hosting special eclipse events.

With so many expected visitors it is a great help that they have somewhere special to go and enjoy their Total Solar Eclipse Experience.

I would also like to thank everyone in our community for your support as we are getting ready to host a once in a lifetime event in our community.

With the expectation of a large influx of visitors at the exact same time, there will be an increase in traffic. Thank you in advance for your patience.

I wanted to give a very special thank you to Tobie Chandler. Tobie you have done an outstanding job in helping to educate people about the eclipse, getting glasses, t-shirts, more glasses, and more t-shirts, for people to purchase. All the while, planning viewing parties at three locations and an event on the 20th with

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without longing to know who is out there.

And we do know. "The heavens are telling of the glory of God and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands," (Psa. 19:1). We also know that "All things came into being through Him" i.e. Jesus in this context (John 1:3). This eclipse will be a classic display of the creative power of the Savior God who loves you and inspires you to worship. That's not ominous, it's enlightening.

Mattee...

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as they would a flower. This behavior is called "puddling" and allows butterflies to get the essential minerals and nutrients that they can't obtain from eating nectar alone. Bees and many other insects exhibit this behavior, so to make sure pollinators can get the most of their visit to your garden, consider adding a "puddle." This can be a plate, bird bath or some other container filled with river sand and just enough water to keep the sand loose. You don't want mosquitoes to breed in there, so if there is enough water that you can see your reflection, there's too much. Keep this wet throughout the warm summer months. You can occasionally toss in an overripe banana or some orange slices to give your pollinators a real treat and they'll be sure to come back for more!

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tions of moodiness, depression, anxiety, irritability, over sensitivity, or hostility.

At home you may notice: Strongly inappropriate overreaction to mild criticism or simple requests. Avoids interacting and communicating with parents, withdraws from family activities. Preoccupation with "self", less concern for the feelings of others. Loss of interest in previously important things such as hobbies, sports, activities. Loss of motivation and enthusiasm. Lethargy, lack of energy and vitality. Conversely, hyperactivity can also be a symptom. Teen could be overly energetic, like cleaning all the time. Loss of ability for self-discipline and assuming responsibility. Change in values, ideals, beliefs. Changes in friends, unwillingness to introduce friends. Secretive phone calls or callers refuse to identify themselves or hang up when parents answer phone. Periods of unexplained absence from home. Disappearance of money or items of value from home, handling of money becomes secretive. Spending too much time in their bedroom, going immediately to their bedroom.

Sudden, unexplained over reaction, "rages". Lying.

Teachers may note: Reduced short-term memory, concentration, attention span. Loss of motivation, interests, does not participate in school activities. Frequent tardiness and absenteeism. Less interest in participating in class. Sleeping in class. Untidy appearance, dress, personal hygiene. Slow to respond, forgetful, apathetic. Increased discipline, behavioral problems. Change in peer group. Decline in academic performance-drop in grades.

Note: Drug users, and particularly chronic marijuana users, have lost the capacity to perceive many of the listed signs and symptoms in themselves.

Don't miss some of the more obvious signs: Capsules, pills or tablets, cotton swabs, caps. Cigarette rolling papers. Pipes, pipe fittings, small screens. Roach clips (sometimes look like alligators). Odor of marijuana (like burnt rope) in room, on person, or on clothing. Incense or room deodorizers. Eye drops (Visine), mouthwash, fresh gum always on hand.

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numbers manipulated by use of subjective data in computer models. The data input to create the models has been skewed to create the desired results.

Al Gore has become a multi-millionaire using "climate change" spin, but his latest movie only made 15th on the charts, so it would appear that the American public has reached a "consensus opinion" that Al Gore is full of the hot air he was screaming about when he was warning us about "global warming."

Zeb Blanchard

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



August 3, 2017
In memory of
Marie Rich Crump Birthday
by Union County Historical Society

Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 p.m.
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 a.m.
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
Tri State Bus. Women	Every Tuesday: Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 p.m.
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 p.m.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
BINGO	Every Wednesday: Civic Center	7 p.m.
Butternut Ladies Golf	Every Thursday: Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 a.m.
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 p.m.
Blue Ridge Comm.	Fourth Monday of each month: McCaysville Lodge	7:30 p.m.
Compassionate Friends	Fourth Tuesday of each month: Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Dead Theologians Soc.	Cabin Coffee	Noon
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild	Blairsville UMC	12:30 p.m.
VFW Post #7394	Veteran's Center	6:30 p.m.
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
No activities listed	Fourth Wednesday of each month:	
Lions Club	Fourth Thursday of each month: Steve's Cookie Jar	6 p.m.
Cruisers Club Meeting	Sr. Center pavilion	6 p.m.
UT Home Builders	YH College	7 p.m.
Eastern Star #471	Fourth Friday of each month: Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
Young Cane Lodge #597	Fourth Saturday of each month: Lodge Hall	7:30 p.m.